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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Lawrence R. "Larry" Herbig, who passed away on April 2, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Larry Herbig was born in rural Pecatonica on January 16, 1918 to Raymond and Urilla (nee Seibert) Herbig; he attended Watson Grade School and graduated from Pecatonica High School; in 1943, he graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and Biological Sciences; he married Nellie V. Pickett in Platteville, Wisconsin on November 26, 1943; and

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WHEREAS, Larry Herbig enlisted in the United States Navy in 1942 and received a commission as an Ensign from United States Naval Reserve Midshipmen School at Columbia University in New York City, New York; he served as engineering officer and First Lieutenant aboard the USS LST 268 in the Asiatic-Pacific area from 1943 to 1946, where his ship was involved in 7 invasions during World War II; he was awarded 3 service ribbons and 6 Bronze Stars; and

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WHEREAS, Larry Herbig returned to Freeport in 1946, where he worked as assistant farm advisor in Stephenson County and for the University of Illinois Extension Service for 2 years;

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1 he became an agriculture and industrial engineer for
2 Commonwealth Edison in 1948 and worked for them for 32 years,
3 retiring in 1980 as a senior commercial sales engineer; and

4 WHEREAS, Larry Herbig was a prominent figure in Freeport;
5 he served as a Chairman of the Stephenson County March of
6 Dimes, as County Chairman of the Red Cross, as a winning
7 manager for Freeport baseball teams for 15 years, as Director
8 of the Stephenson County Fair Association for 25 years, and as
9 Chairman of the commercial exhibits representing the Freeport
10 Chamber of Commerce; he was also an honorary member of the
11 District I Future Farmers of America and a past member of the
12 Toastmasters Club, the Elks Club, and the Illinois Agricultural
13 Engineering Society; he was involved in the United Way and the
14 Freeport Chamber of Commerce and was recognized by the City of
15 Freeport with the Outstanding Community Service Award for the
16 new street lighting program; and

17 WHEREAS, Larry Herbig was a 50-plus year member of Embury
18 United Methodist Church, where he served as usher and church
19 Trustee; he was an active and dedicated conservationist and
20 sportsman and loved hunting and fishing, especially at the
21 family cabin in Wisconsin; he was past President of the
22 Freeport Kiwanis Club and was named "Kiwanian of the Year";
23 during his 47-plus years as a Kiwanis member, he was directly
24 involved in naming a new road "Kiwanis Drive"; he and Nellie

1 were the prime advocates in 187 trees being planted along the
2 road way with the theme "Color it green with trees"; with his
3 care, dedication, and hard work, Kiwanis Drive flourishes
4 today; on September 15, 2009, Freeport's Mayor Gaulrapp
5 proclaimed the day as "Larry Herbig Day" along with a
6 resolution to request Kiwanis Drive receive an honorary street
7 name of "Larry and Nell Herbig Drive"; he was featured in the
8 Freeport Journal Standard for outstanding community service;
9 through the Kiwanis, he engineered the planting of the trees
10 along the center drive in the city cemetery and Freeport High
11 School; he developed the service club's "Welcome to Freeport"
12 signs, managed the Kiwanis Buckle-Up signs program, and
13 initiated and helped maintain the Kiwanis benches that are
14 placed around the city; he developed the Kiwanis Pancake Day
15 placemats; he was presented the Kiwanis International
16 Distinguished Service Award and Division 12 District
17 Outstanding Service Activity; he also spearheaded the building
18 of the Brewster boat landing at Winslow on the Pecatonica
19 River; and

20 WHEREAS, Larry Herbig was preceded in death by his wife,
21 Nellie, and his brother, LaVerne; and

22 WHEREAS, Larry Herbig is survived by his 2 daughters,
23 Marsha Forsythe and Susan (Don) Sutton; his 2 sons, Terry
24 (Donna) Herbig and Todd Herbig; his 8 grandchildren, Justin

1 Forsythe, Tyler Forsythe, Kellie (David) Henry, Amanda (Greg)
2 Boitnott, Kyle Herbig, Casie Harden, Timothy Herbig, and Daniel
3 (Natalie) Herbig; his 9 great-grandchildren; his brother,
4 Floyd Herbig; and his 2 sisters, Alice Chandler and Evelyn
5 Dahl; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
8 Lawrence R. "Larry" Herbig, and extend our sincere condolences
9 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
10 it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Larry Herbig as an expression of our
13 deepest sympathy.